

Plans, Master Plans and Amendments

Report to the Board – June 14th, 2012 through July 10th, 2012

Municipality	Borough of Lincoln Park
Document	Open Space and Recreation Plan
Public Hearing	July 19, 2012
Summary	The Lincoln Park Open Space and Recreation Plan includes a summary of existing preserved lands by type, outlines opportunities for additional land preservation and outlines anticipated preservation actions over one, three and five year periods.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2012 Borough of Lincoln Park Open Space and Recreation Plan was prepared by the Land Conservancy of New Jersey in association with the Borough of Lincoln Park. The Plan focus is on preserving undeveloped and environmentally sensitive land, increasing protection from flood events, and creating greater opportunities for both natural resource-based and facility-based recreation. As reported, the Borough contains 1,522 acres of permanently preserved open space, composed of municipal open space, federal, state and county open space, preserved farmland and non-public preserved property. These lands make up approximately 34% of the Borough's 4,427 acres. • The Plan recommends that the Borough utilize a diverse inventory of potential preservation properties to increase the amount of preserved land in the Borough. The Plan identifies 454 acres of unpreserved vacant lands, unpreserved farmland, municipal and other undeveloped property that may be added to the local open space inventory. In addition, the report identifies already developed privately owned lands of ½ acre and greater in size that may be suitable for recreation or conservation. These include school and other exempt properties, NJDOT property, golf courses, undeveloped portions of residential and commercial properties and portions of the Lincoln Park Airport. Utilizing this expanded definition of potential open space, the report identifies an additional 1,214 acres of potential open space. A list of priority sites for open space acquisition is not included. • A series of maps are included in the Plan showing environmental features, preserved lands and flood buy-out/flood storage projects. These maps culminate in a Greenway Map that incorporates the municipality's natural and recreational resources and demonstrates how they are connected. Specific greenways and recreation focal areas depicted include: 1) Great Piece – Hood Mountain Meadow and Ridge Greenway, 2) Pompton River Land and Water Greenway and Blueway, 3) Down and Out Bicycle and Walkway, 4) Bog and Vly Natural/Agricultural Area. • The Plan's "Action Program" is divided into one-year, three-year, and five-year actions. Recommendations include the review and prioritization of land for acquisition, continued application to the Morris County flood mitigation program and contact with adjacent communities regarding inter-municipal projects. Another long-term recommendation is the development of a private property registry that would facilitate the ability of large private property owners to grant a right of "first refusal" to the Township for the purchase and/or grant of conservation easements. The Plan also recommends continued work with the Morris County Agricultural Development Board and Morris County Preservation Trust in furtherance of local agricultural and open space preservation goals. 	